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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

- This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of ___3 months to the Office Action, 1. dated August 26, 2003.
- 2. Applicant is a Large Entity.
- 3. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d)):

,	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
x	one month two months three months four months	\$110.00 \$420.00 \$950.00 \$1,480.00 Fee \$	\$55.00 \$210.00 \$475.00 \$740.00 950.00

- 4. Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any) the extended period for response will expire on February 26, 2004
- 5. If an additional extension of time is required in order to maintain copendency with any subsequently filed application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60, or to maintain the pendency of this application to the date set forth in paragraph 5 above, please consider this a petition therefor.
- 6. Charge fee to Account No. 07-1250 _ and this is a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

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